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SUBJECT: KING NAMES NEW PRESIDENT OF CORTES AND OF COUNCIL OF THE
REALM

1. KING JUAN CARLOS ON JUNE 15 NAMED ANTONIO HERNANDEZ GIL, A
MADRID LAWYER AND LAW PROFESSOR NOT LINKED TO ANY POLITICAL
PARTY, TO SUCCEED TORCUATO FERNANDEZ-MIRANDA AS PRESIDENT
OF THE CORTES AND OF THE COUNCIL OF THE REALM.
UNDER THE POLITICAL REFORM LAW, THE
APPOINTMENT IS THE EXCLUSIVE PREROGATIVE OF THE KING,
WHOSE CHOICES FOR THE 41 SENATORS HE CAN ALSO APPOINT ARE
EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED AT ANY MOMENT.

2. HERNANDEZ, WHO HAD BEEN ONE OF THE RUMORED POSSIBILITIES
FOR THE POST, IS CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE
OF CODIFICATION, WHICH DEALS WITH THE CIVIL CODE. HE HAS
PUBLISHED EXTENSIVELY ON LEGAL TOPICS, IS A MEMBER OF
VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND IS PRESIDENT OF THE
ROYAL ACADEMY OF JURISPRUDENCE AND LEGISLATION. BORN
IN 1915 IN THE PROVINCE OF BADAJOZ, HE FOUNDED A SHORT-
LIVED LITERARY MAGAZINE IN HIS YOUTH, AND ALSO PUBLISHED
A NOVEL BEFORE EMBARKING ON HIS LONG AND SUCCESSFUL LEGAL
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3. INTERVIEWED BY THE MADRID NEWSPAPER ABC IN ITS SERIES
"100 SPANIARDS FOR DEMOCRACY", HERNANDEZ ASSERTED HIS
INDEPENDENCE OF ANY IDEOLOGICAL GROUP, AND STRESSED AN
OPEN SPIRIT, UNDERSTANDING, TOLERANCE, HUMILITY, "AND
EVEN A SENSE OF HUMOR" AS FACTORS ESSENTIAL TO DEMOCRACY.

SOME MONTHS AGO, WHILE DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF
A CABINET OF INDEPENDENTS, THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS'
RUIZ GIMENEZ IDENTIFIED HERNANDEZ AS A MAN WHO WOULD BE
BROADLY ACCEPTED. STABLER

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